

years, Gary distinguished himself as a clear-thinking and approachable leader, earning him the trust and respect of government, business, and community leaders alike. In his capacity as trustee, Gary also assumed an active role as a township fire commissioner and as a member of the city planning commission.

From the role of trustee, Gary was elected to the position of township supervisor, where he admirably served the residents of Kalamazoo Township from 1996 to 2008. For those 12 years, Gary also worked as a member of the Kalamazoo Township Policy and Administration Committee, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, the Coalition for Urban Redevelopment, the Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission, and the Community Action Board. In 1999, he was elected to the Michigan Township Association Board, where he retired as president in 2008.

Gary has always risen above the fray of partisan politics to ensure that the interests of those he represents are met. As both an administrator and representative, he truly exemplifies the best of the public servant.

Once again, I would like to congratulate and express my gratitude to Gary Cramer for his many years of distinguished service to the residents of Kalamazoo Township. Southwest Michigan is truly stronger because of his contributions.

IN MEMORY OF NANCY HAWK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Friday, October 17th, South Carolina lost a true Charleston Southern Lady with the death of Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk. A native of Virginia, Ms. Hawk spent most of her life in Charleston where she raised nine children, practiced law as a Broad Street Lawyer, and become a tireless advocate and worker for the needs of her community.

I had the honor of knowing Ms. Hawk as a fellow member of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church and growing up with her children. She was truly a pioneer for women's involvement in political and civic service in our society.

A fitting editorial tribute to Nancy Hawk was published on October 19, 2008, in The Post and Courier newspaper of Charleston, South Carolina.

NANCY D. HAWK

[From the Post and Courier, Oct. 19, 2008]

After Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk was named the United States Mother of the Year, a reporter wrote that chronicling her remarkable life in politics, historic preservation and law was more appropriate for a biographer than for a journalist. That was in 1989. Her impressive story got more so after that.

Mrs. Hawk, who died Friday in hospice care, was a woman of purpose and drive. After rearing nine successful children, she enrolled at the College of Charleston to finish the undergraduate degree she had begun at the University of Virginia. Then, she commuted between Charleston and law school in Columbia. And before it became routine to see female lawyers, her shingle was hanging on Broad Street.

What Nancy Hawk touched, Nancy Hawk influenced.

East Bay Street might have been in the shadow of a 10-story apartment building had

she not succeeded in stopping the planned building by saving several old warehouses.

She worked to save historic Snee Farm, to shape plans for the Crosstown to mitigate damage to the peninsula, to restore the county courthouse, build the judicial center and organize the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association.

She wasn't afraid to take on controversy. She opposed Charleston Place and supported Lodge Alley Inn. Both were built.

When her two bids for elected office failed—a 1975 race against Joseph P. Riley Jr. for mayor and a 1976 race against T. Dewey Wise for state Senate—she became vice chairman of the State Republican Party.

She later said she probably wasn't suited for politics because the "gamesmanship" that goes along with it didn't fit with her straightforward manner.

Mrs. Hawk was born in Charlottesville, Va., but she was thoroughly committed to Charleston where she moved in 1951 with her husband, Dr. John C. Hawk.

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church. The Girl Scouts. Charleston Civic Ballet. Charleston Opera Company. The Christian Family Y. The American College of the Building Arts. The Council of Urban Quality. H.E.L.P. Piccolo Spoleto. Meals on Wheels. The Lowcountry Open Land Trust. The Charles Pinckney National Historic Site. Parents Anonymous. Mason Prep school. All were strengthened by her hard work and support. In 1993, she received the Order of the Palmetto.

She once told The Post and Courier, "It's hard to live with the knowledge that something happened because you didn't act." Surely she didn't face sleepless nights on that account.

Charleston is a better place because of Nancy Hawk. The city has lost a leader of strength and character.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF MILTON M. YOUNGER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the distinguished career of Milton M. Younger of Bakersfield, California. After more than 52 years as a senior partner for the law firm of Chain, Younger, Cohn, and Stiles, Milt is stepping down to begin a new law firm, Younger and Lemucchi, with his long-time friend attorney Tim Lemucchi.

Milt was born in Bakersfield and has been a longtime resident of the city. He attended Bakersfield High School where he met his wife, Betty. Upon graduation, Milt attended Stanford University where he received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees. In 1956, he graduated from Stanford School of Law. After passing the California state bar, Milt became certified to practice law in 1957. Thereafter, he served as a JAG officer in the United States Army.

Between 1956 and 2008, Milt served as a senior partner for the law firm of Chain, Younger, Cohn, and Stiles. He joined the law firm, originally owned and operated by Morris B. Chain, in 1956. When Mr. Chain died in 1977, Milt became senior partner. During his tenure, Milt devoted his work to advocate for persons involved in accidents. Notable cases

include representing burned Kern County oil-field electricians where he demanded safe machinery and equipment. In 2001, Milt argued on behalf of a three-year-old quadriplegic child whose car seat broke free from its seatbelt. As a result, infant seats are now required to undergo crash testing.

Milt has proudly supported organized labor for the past 45 years, representing firemen, policeman, correctional officers, California Highway Patrol officers, Naval Weapons Center employees, doctors, educators and senior citizens. A recipient of prestigious awards such as the Presidential Award of Merit by the Consumer Attorneys of California, Bench and Bar Award from the Kern County Bar Association, and honorary doctorate from California State University, Bakersfield attest to Milt's many accomplishments.

Through his public works and relentless community service, fighting on behalf of all injured persons, regardless of socioeconomic background, Milt has accomplished his lifelong endeavor of making the world safer. Known as one of Kern County's most trusted names in law, his significant contributions to the Valley will never be forgotten. Today, I take great pleasure in honoring, through these remarks, a good friend, valued advisor, and public servant Milt Younger.

HONORING DAVID PHILIP ISEMAN, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Philip Iseman, Jr. of Lee's Summit, Missouri. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1391, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Philip Iseman, Jr. for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month and to recognize the important contributions of American Indians to our history and culture.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Tribal Nations: America's Great Partners." For me, this